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SUBJECT: RICE FOR CAMBODIA

1. WEDEN RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH WEDNESDAY MORNING AND ADVISES THAT GKR-RTG RICE NEGOTIATIONS APPEAR TO BE PROCEEDING WELL. GKR DELEGATION WAS GIVEN DINNER SUNDAY NIGHT BY RTG DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ON MONDAY GKR DELEGATION SAW DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AGAIN, ALSO DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PRASIT BEING OUT OF THE COUNTRY), DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN TRADE, HEAD OF PUBLIC WAREHOUSE AND COL. NARONG OF BIFGO. ALL APPEARED TO BE RECEPTIVE TO GKR REQUEST FOR 12,500 MT TO BE SHIPPED BY END SEPTEMBER AND 12,500 MT BY END OCTOBER. HEAD OF PUBLIC WAREHOUSE DID INDICATE THAT AVAILABILITY OF BROKENS MIGHT LIMIT FIRST SHIPMENTS TO 10,000 MT RATHER THAN 12,500 MT BUT IN EVERY OTHER RESPECT THOUGHT THAT GKR REQUEST COULD BE MET.

2. GKR REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED TO RTG CABINET ON TUESDAY. THE RTG DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PROMISED LONG BORET, GKR FOREIGN MINISTER, THAT CABINET DECISION WOULD BE COMMUNICATED PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM BANGKOK TUESDAY EVENING. LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VALLED GKR TO SAY THAT REQUEST HAD BEEN APPROVED IN ENTIRETY. CABINET MEETING WAS STILL APPARENTLY IN PROGRESS SO THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAS NOT ABLE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC.

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3. SAPHON SARASY AND LY KIM HENG HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH HEAD PUBLIC WAREHOUSING ON WEDNESDAY MORNING AT WHICH TIME THEY HOPE TO WORK OUT SPECIFICS AND SIGN A CONTRACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LY KIM HENG ADVISED WEDEN THAT PROSPECTS APPEARED GOOD FOR GKR SIGNING CONTRACT WITH RTG WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. GKR DELEGATION PLANS TO STAY IN BANGKOK UNTIL THIS WEEKEND.

4. ALTHOUGH NEGOTIATIONS APPEAR TO BE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY, WE HAVE BEEN DOWN THIS PATH BEFORE AND WILL BE CONFIDENT ONLY WHEN ACTUAL SHIPMENTS TAKE PLACE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BANGKOK'S LATEST ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS ON RICE NEGOTIATIONS.
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